

the average weekly wages, and to continue for no more than five hundred weeks after the date of death and not to amount to more than a maximum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) nor less than a minimum of three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,650).

(b) If there are no wholly dependent persons at the time of the death, but there are partly dependent persons, those partly dependent shall receive compensation as follows: The weekly payments to such dependents shall be in the amount not exceeding sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages or [fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)] *seventy dollars (\$70.00)* per week, but may, in the discretion [of the] of the Commission, be for less amount per week and to continue for all or such portion of the period of 416 weeks, after the date of death, as the Commission in each case may determine, and not to amount to more than a maximum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 432
(House Bill 983)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 47 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," to provide that awards for double compensation for minors illegally employed shall be discretionary with the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 47 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

47.

Every minor employee engaged in extra-hazardous employment or work covered by this article shall be deemed *sui juris* for the purposes of this article; and no other person shall have any cause of action or right to compensation for any injury to such minor employee unless otherwise herein provided. All compensation and death benefits provided by this article, however, [shall] *may* be doubled *in the discretion of the Commission* in the case of any minor employed illegally under the laws of this State, and no insurance policy shall be available to protect the employer of such minor from the payment of the extra or additional compensation or benefits to be awarded by reason of such illegal employment, but the employer alone shall be liable for the said increased amount of compensation or death benefits; provided, however, that the certificate of the Com-